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TOWN OFFICERS. 1886-87.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Chairman*.

STILLMAN M. PRATT, JAMES A. BANCROFT, *Secretary*.

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

JOHN C. GLEASON.

School Committee.

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i> .	-	Term expires, 1887
CARROLL D. WRIGHT,	- - -	" " 1887
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i> .	-	" " 1888
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	- - -	" " 1888
EDWARD F. PARKER,	- - -	" " 1889
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	- - -	" " 1889

Surveyor of Highways.

CHARLES A. WESTON.

Board of Registrars.JAMES REID, *Clerk.*

WILLIAM M. TITUS, HENRY ROBINSON,
HENRY E. HOLDEN.

Engineers of Fire Department.EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief.*ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

WENDELL BANCROFT, WILLIAM L. CROWE,
MOSES E. NICHOLS.

Fire Ward.

WENDELL BANCROFT, MOSES E. NICHOLS,
LEWIS M. BANCROFT.

Constables.

HENRY STOCK, GEORGE W. DEAN,

Police.

HENRY STOCK, GEORGE W. DEAN,
CHARLES S. CONEY, W. WALLACE DAVIS,

Night Watchman.

HENRY STOCK.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON.

Trustees of the Public Library.

STEPHEN FOSTER, <i>Chairman.</i>	-	-	Term expires, 1889
HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Secretary.</i>	-	-	“ “ 1889
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	-	-	“ “ 1887
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	-	-	“ “ 1887
CHARLES D. THOMAS,	-	-	“ “ 1888
HARLEY PRENTISS,	-	-	“ “ 1888

Trustees of the Cemetery.

GILMAN C. GLEASON,	-	-	-	Term expires, 1887
FRANCIS O. DEWEY,	-	-	-	“ “ 1887
SOLON BANCROFT,	-	-	-	“ “ 1888
W. WALLACE DAVIS,	-	-	-	“ “ 1888
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	-	-	-	“ “ 1889
FRANK W. B. PRATT,	-	-	-	“ “ 1889

Auditors.

EDWARD APPLETON,	
A. NEWELL HOWES,	GEORGE F. WADSWORTH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1886.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 1	Annie Riley,	F	Patrick and Margaret A.,	R. R. employee.
" 5	Alfonso Ferry Locke,	M	Joseph W. and Estella,	Fish dealer.
" 16	Charles Eastman Hobbs,	M	Charles A. and Hattie E.,	Rubber cutter.
" 16	Blanche Inez Nichols,	F	Albion G. and Jessie B.,	Butcher.
" 19	Lulu Minette Cochran,	F	Carl W. and Minette E.,	Mechanic.
" 23	Frank Benton Bancroft,	M	William H. and Janet,	Shoe cutter.
Feb. 10	Charles Henry Melendy,	M	Charles W. and Rosie,	Hackman.
" 19	Luella Eaton,	F	Frank P. and Hannah J.,	Rubber worker.
" 23	Lillian Gertrude Sweat,	F	Mark and Lillie M.,	Locomotive engineer.
" 26	Charles Harold Heselton,	M	Herbert R. and Lottie E.,	Rubber cloth'g cutter.
Mar. 2	Clover Granger,	F	Edmund H. and Abbie S.,	Broker.
" 2	Preston Foster Nichols,	M	Daniel M. and Phebe G.,	Piano case maker.
" 24	Robert Weaver Totten,	M	Robert C. and Mary A.,	Blacksmith.
" 24	Lawrence Houghton Crafts,	M	Frank E. and Jenette,	Clerk.
" 29	Elizabeth Augusta Choate,	F	F. Herbert and Ella M.,	Machinist.
Apr. 14	" Manning,	F	George A. and Florenee A.	Salesman.
" 15	Sarah Phebe White,	F	Joshua and Mary Ann,	Stonemason.
May 22	Nellie Cordelia Jones,	F	J. Dexter and Julie E.,	Farmer.
June 1	John Edward Dalkin,	M	James O. and Maggie M.,	Sail maker.
" 3	Wilmina Louise Cummings,	F	Harley E. and Philinda A.,	Brakeman.
" 21	Edward Lawrence McCall,	M	Patrick and Margaret F.,	Harness maker.
July 3	Herbert Octavus Willis,	M	Octavus N. and Martha B.,	Carpenter.
" 11	Lulu Beebe Gould,	F	Theodore F. and Jennie H.,	Blacksmith.
" 15	Florence May Lovejoy,	F	Eugene L. and Lizzie A.,	Merchant.
" 22	Charles Horace Russell,	M	Charles H. and Myra R.,	Rubber worker.
" 24	Luetta A. Dow, { twins.	F	George E. and Lizzie C.,	Farmer.
" 24	Luella E. Dow, { twins.	F	" " "	"
Aug. 13	Alice Jennie Parker,	F	Frank and Maggie E.,	Shoe manufacturer.
" 20	Henry Wesley Davies,	M	Charles E. and Catharine C.	Printer.
" 23	Ruth Elizabeth Clement,	F	James P. and Bertha L.,	Expressman.
" 25	Hattie May Bickford,	F	Daniel T. and Hattie M.,	Clerk.
Sept. 2	Maud Payne Badger,	F	Henry B. and Clara A.,	Pattern maker.
" 7	Janet McNaughton Gordon,	F	James and Catharine,	Carpenter.
" 16	Elmer Franklin Coats,	M	Andrew J. and Laura,	R. R. clerk.
" 18	John Duffield,	M	Samuel and Elizabeth,	Laborer.
" 22	Harry Joseph White,	M	Joseph and Julie,	Laborer.
" 26	" Hodson,	F	Alexander and Eliza,	House decorator.
" 26	Chester Warren Nichols,	M	Herbert E. and Clara E.,	Milk dealer.
" 28	Rose Emma White,	F	Joseph H. and Elizabeth,	Rubber coat maker.
" 29	Edwin Kingman Abbott,	M	George E. and Martha J.,	Architect.
Oct. 7	William A. Doucett,	M	David and Charlotte,	Rubber worker.
" 11	George Chapman Bosson,	M	Harry P. and Florence R.,	Book-keeper.
" 12	Helen Louise Flanagan,	F	Patrick D. and Helen,	Rubber worker.
" 15	Genevra Herbertine Danforth,	F	Alfred W. and Alice A.,	Apothecary.
" 22	Florence Maud Muse,	F	John and Sylvia,	Laborer.
" 24	Gny Burrill Cook,	M	Walter F. and Lizzie A.,	Cabinet maker.
" 24	Clarkson Wilbur Temple,	M	Clarkson W. & Elizabeth K.	Piano tuner.
" 28	Lester Kimball Pratt,	M	George L. and Addie A.,	Necktie cutter.
Nov. 4	James Connelly,	M	John and Mary,	R. R. employee.
" 16	Bertha Emma Miller,	F	Frederick and Bertha,	Cabinet maker.
" 15	Florence Lillian Brown,	F	John F. and Hannah E.,	R. R. employee.
" 16	Leonard Gates Nichols,	M	Edward E. and Louisa A.,	Farmer.
Dec. 3	Carter, { twins.	M	Adelbert H. and Clara,	Printer.
" 3	Carter, { twins.	F	" " "	"
" 18	Benjamin Louis Muse,	M	Emmanuel and Mary,	Laborer.
" 19	Kent Packard,	M	George T. and Annie J.,	Journalist.
" 22	Margaret Turner,	F	John and Bridget,	R. R. employee.
" 30	Charles Herbert Flanders,	M	Newell C. and Ida F.,	Tailor.

Whole number of Births registered in 1886, 53. Males, 29; Females, 29.

Nativity of Parents.—American, Fathers, 40; Mothers, 31; Foreign, Fathers, 16; Mothers, 25.

Twins were born in two instances.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1886.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 13	George E. Dow,	Reading,	Farmer,	Manchester,	Stillson H. & Syrena A.,	Rev. Charles Lancas-
"	Lizzie C. Bell,	Reading,	Farmet,	Kentville, N. S.,	Theophilie A. & Cassie,	[ter Short, Melrose.
"	Joseph A. Smith,	Reading,	Cabinet Maker,	Lubec, Me.,	Andrew & Martha A.,	Rev. Daniel W. Can-
"	Almira B. Preston,	Reading,	Rubber Worker,	Fel Brook, N. S.,	John B. & Sophronia,	[eron, Reading.
"	Augustus Surrlette,	Reading,	Housekeeper,	Fel Brook, N. S.,	James & Jane,	Rev. Patrick J. Hally,
"	Fanny Russell,	Reading,	Laundress,	North Reading,	Baxter & Elizabeth,	[Wakefield.
"	Fred. A. Parker,	Reading,	Clerk,	Wilmington,	Henry & Emma F.,	Rev. R. A. Greene,
Feb. 10	Jennie D. Harnden,	Reading,		Alton, N. H.,	George W. & Eliza,	[Lowell.
"	Jessie M. Atkinson,	Portland, Me.,	Stone Mason,	Yarmouth, N. S.,	John R. & Julia,	Rev. M. Crosley.
"	Theophilie Muse,	Reading,		Yarmouth, N. S.,	James & Jane,	Rev. Patrick J. Hally,
"	Mary Russell,	Reading,	Rubber Coat	Prince Edward Isl'd,	Richard & Catherine,	[Wakefield.
"	Richard Brannon Cole,	Medford,	[Maker,	Prince Edward Isl'd,	Charles & Charlotte,	Rev. R. P. Ambler,
Mar. 18	Sarah Ann Bernard,	Reading,	Brakeman,	Reading,	Cyrenus C. & Rebecca N.,	[Medford.
"	Harley E. Cummings,	Reading,		Ottawa, Canada,	Martin C. & Maria,	Rev. T. C. Martin,
Apr. 3	William A. Cleary,	Wakefield,	Reed Worker,	Wakefield,	Andrew J. & Sarah,	[Wakefield.
"	Nellie A. LaClair,	Reading,		Reading,	Henry S. & Ellen A.,	Rev. T. C. Martin,
"	Philip Morin,	Stoneham,	Shoemaker,	Grand Line, Canada,	Paul & Matilda,	[Wakefield.
May 26	John B. Fairbanks,	Stoneham,	Operative,	Stoneham,	Henry W. & Mary A.,	Rev. C. T. Douglass,
"	Grace W. Ballard,	Wakefield,	Shoemaker,	Wakefield,	David S. & M. Elizabeth,	[Reading.
"	Mattie M. Noble,	Reading,		Reading,	George & Elizabeth A.,	Rev. C. T. Douglass,
June 1	Jennie M. Bixford,	Stoneham,	Shoemaker,	Pembroke, N. H.,	Caleb O. & Helen M.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
"	Oren C. Sanborn,	Stoneham,	Book-keeper,	Kennebunk, Me.,	George & Mary,	[Reading.
"	Rena Armstrong,	Stoneham,	Clerk,	Leviston, Me.,	James S. & Harriet N.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
"	Rufus H. Lord,	Reading,		Machias, Me.,	John & Elizabeth,	[Reading.
"	Nellie J. Cummings,	Reading,	Clerk,	East Boston,	George D. & Sarah A.,	Rev. Patrick J. Hally,
July 7	Ora L. Milbury,	Reading,	Mechanic,	North Reading,	Timothy & Ellen,	[Wakefield.
"	Annie E. Quate,	Reading,		Bay River, N. S.,	William C. & Annie,	Rev. C. T. Douglass,
"	Frank T. Ames,	Wakefield,	Telegraph Op'r,	Lawrence,	John & Sarah,	[Reading.
"	Effie C. Brazier,	East Mansfield,		Dorchester,	Wallace & Mary A.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
Aug. 4	Nelson R. Stiles, [fire,	Reading,	Wood & Coal	Middleton,	Hiram A. & Emeline,	[Reading.
"	Lucia Gertrude Mel-	Lynn,	[Dealer,	Reading,	Amos & Mary G.,	Rev. A. B. Kendig,
"	John J. O'Brien,	Reading,	Veneer Dryer,	Reading,	James & Mary A.,	[Boston.
"	Mary Elizabeth Shaw,	Reading,	Teacher,	Boston,	Edward A. & Ellen A.,	Rev. Chas. A. O'Con-
"	Loea P. Howard,	Wakefield,		Reading,	Joel M. & Maria,	[nor, Wakefield.
Sept. 6	Elizabeth A. Rausch,	Brookline,	Wood Carver,	Norwood,	Conrad & Anna,	Rev. John B. Brackett,
"	Murthys H. Crook,	Reading,		Rotterdam, Holland,	William & Sophia,	[Brookline.
Oct. 4	J. Amanda Nason,	Reading,	Expressman,	Kennebunkport, Me.,	Wesley & Sarah A.,	Rev. Daniel Steele,
"	Frederic N. Abbott,	Wakefield,		Richmond, C. B.,	George & Charlotte C. E.,	[Boston.
"	Sarah Martell,	Reading,	Fireman,	Hampstead, N. H.,	Marah & Melinda,	Rev. Wm. E. Gaskin,
"	George E. Kent,	Reading,		Bath, Me.,	Frank H. & Fanny,	[Wakefield.
"	Annie E. Sutherland,	Reading,			George & Jennie,	Rev. J. H. Humphrey,
"						[Reading.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1886.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y. M. D.	NAMES OF HUSBAND OR PARENTS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 12	Charles H. Snow,	1 11 12	Henry and Emily,	Convulsions.
" 20	Emily C. Drew,	78 2 20	John and Mary Sherburne,	Consumption.
" 20	Mary W. Parker,	88 2 20	Dudley & Sarah Woodbridge,	Old age.
" 29	William J. Wightman,	75 5 18	James and Martha,	Old age.
" 30	Robert M. Boyce,	69 1 18	Robert and Elizabeth,	Sarcomatous Tumor of Spine.
Feb. 2	Mary Alice White,	3 1 1	Joseph and Julie,	Diphtheria.
" 9	Lillian White,	4 2 15	Joseph and Julie,	Diphtheria.
" 15	Preston Richardson,	81 4 28	Samuel T. and Esther,	Paralysis.
" 18	Minette E. Cochran,	18 2 1	Carl W. Cochran,	Phthisis.
" 21	Lizzie A. Taylor,	29 5 1	Samuel and Mary P. Goodwin,	Consumption.
" 23	Alvah P. Wakefield,	1 6 20	Charles and Mary A.,	Membranous Croup.
Mar. 15	Mary E. Dame,	52 3 3	Charles E. Dame,	Consumption.
" 19	Sheridan H. Hatfield,	37 5 12	Lyman and Thankful,	Sugar Diabetes.
" 20	Amos Flint,	89 7 8	Amos and Abigail,	Heart Disease.
Apr. 2	Delia Casey,	2 7 1	Frank and Delia,	Convulsions.
" 3	Edith M. Dyer,	1 5 22	Horace E. and Mary L.,	Tubercular Meningitis.
" 3	Elizabeth L. Trowe,	54 11 26	John and Salome Morton,	Tuberculosis of Bowels.
" 6	James Hobbs,	69 5 1	John L. and Elizabeth,	Pneumonia.
" 14	Manning,	67 11 17	George A. and Florence A.,	Still-born.
" 17	Elbridge Harden,	67 11 17	Timothy and Polly,	Heart Disease.
" 25	David B. Pilbury,	46 4 1	Moses H. and Lucy,	Consumption.
" 30	John Grace Estabrook,	42 4 1	William M. and Eunice,	Disease of Heart.
May 13	Horace E. Stone,	42 1 1	John and Sarah,	Paralysis.
June 2	Theron Parker,	83 3 23	Richard and Hannah,	Old age, and Tumor in Bowels.
" 8	Mary L. Gilman,	36 9 1	George F. Gilman,	Asthma, and Narcotism.
" 11	Eddie Johnston,	1 4 11	Carroll and Annie,	Meningitis.
" 12	Sarah B. Curtis,	68 3 22	John and Mary Phipps,	Cancer.
" 22	Unknown,			Killed on B. & M. Railroad.
July 11	James Comber,	56 3 13	James and Bridget,	Railroad accident.
" 15	Robert Bowser,	42 1 7	Robert and Jean Kirk,	Phthisis.
" 16	Mattie May Blabon,	4 4 29	Howard H. and Mary P.,	Disease of Brain, and Convul-
" 20	Ann Riley,	7 20 1	Patrick and Margaret,	Enteritis. [sions.
Aug. 16	Unknown,	39 1 1		Railroad accident.
" 25	John S. Judkins,	38 3 24	John and Sarah,	Consumption.
Sept. 5	John Adams Emerson,	64 5 1	John and Nancy,	Cystitis-Uremia.
" 7	Clarinda T. Bancroft,	74 5 5	John H. Bancroft,	Paralysis.
" 12	Thomas A. Parker,	55 4 24	William Henry and Phebe,	Typho Malarial Fever.
" 14	Hattie M. Bickford,	29 1 17	Daniel T. Bickford,	Pneumonia.
" 27	Hodson,		Alexander and Eliza,	Still-born.
Oct. 4	Jonathan Moulton,	70 8 25	Charles and Betsey,	Angina Pectoris.
" 16	Martha J. Greenwood,	57 5 1	Andrew and Mary Munroe,	Cancerous hardening of Liver.
" 22	Eliza M. Bancroft,	76 5 1	Charles & Nancy Richardson,	Ulceration of Stomach.
" 31	Rowena A. Hawes,	39 7 6	William and Temperance,	Consumption.
Nov. 22	William M. Phillips,	56 6 1	James M. and Lydia,	Fracture of base of Skull.
Dec. 2	Carrie M. Maynard,	48 7 1	Hezekiah and Lydia Bragg,	Disease of Heart.
" 3	Carter,		Adelbert H. and Clara,	Premature birth.
" 3	Mary C. Temple,	81 1 1	James and Mary Coggin,	Pneumonia.
" 4	Horton,		Charles E. and Susan E.,	Still-born.
" 4	Samuel W. Parker,	64 3 1	Jabez D. and Betsey,	Heart Disease.
" 8	Carter,		Adelbert H. and Clara,	Premature birth.
" 9	James M. Carleton,	77 8 26	Peter and Azooba,	Paralysis.
" 13	Eunice Nichols,	91 7 1	John and Keza Gowing,	Old age.
" 16	Nancy J. Richardson,	59 7 1	Alfred M. Richardson,	Liver and Kidney Disease.
" 28	Florence B. Runnels,	11 8 20	Joseph A. and Lydia A.,	Consumption.

Whole Number of Deaths registered, 54. Males, 25; Females, 29. Nativity: American, 50; Males, 22; Females, 28. Foreign, 4; Males, 3; Females, 1.

Deaths between the age 90 and 100, 1; 80 and 90, 5; 70 and 80, 6; 60 and 70, 6; 50 and 60, 7; 40 and 50, 5; 30 and 40, 4; 20 and 30, 2; 10 and 20, 2; Under 10, 14; Unknown, 2.

DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1886.

Whole number of licenses issued..	195	
Number expiring May 1st, 1886..	15	
“ “ “ “ 1887..	180	
	195	

One hundred and eighty-one for males, at \$2.....	\$362.00	
Fourteen for females.. . . . .at \$5.	70.00	
	\$432.00	
Less fees for 195 licenses, at 20 cents each..	39.00	
	\$393.00	
1886, June 16th, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treas.,	\$227.40	
“ Dec. 1st, “ “ “ “ “	165.60	
	\$393.00	

JAMES REID, *Town Clerk.*

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

ALMSHOUSE.

INMATES.

Catherine O'Keefe.....	Age 80 years.
Joanna Wall.....	" 87
Caroline E. Wiley, died Jan. 8.....	" 80
Hannah Welch.....	" 72
Jonathan Pratt.....	" 77
Daniel Spokesfield.....	" 68
Alpheus Austin.....	" 67
James Hunter.....	" 43
Thornton D. Sanborn.....	" 61
Joseph Bancroft.....	" 67
Cleveland B. Holt.....	" 87
Emory B. Eames, admitted May 5.....	" 58

RECEIVED.

George W. Beasley, board to Oct. 13, 1886....	\$ 96 00
Charles Tweed, " Mar. 1, 1887....	156 00
Sale of horse cart.....	34 30
Harness.....	10 00
Catherine O'Keefe, pension.....	142 00
Same state aid.....	12 00
Wood sold.....	37 49
Produce, etc., sold.....	207 04
Labor of Keeper on Haven street.....	24 00
" " concrete walks.....	32 40
" " in cemetery.....	16 50
" " on cross walks.....	9 50
" " highways.....	74 20

Amount carried forward, \$851 43

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$851 43
Labor of Keeper, distributing annual reports..		6 00
“ “ lighting street lights.....		227 43
“ “ removing snow.....		13 00
“ “ on highways, 1885 and 1886		75 00
		<hr/> \$1,172 86

EXPENDED.

George Beasley, keeper of Almshouse, salary..	\$500 00
“ “ “ supplies	74 98
M. A. Stone, groceries.....	180 10
G. W. Atkinson, groceries.....	336 40
“ swine.....	7 00
Parker & Stone, groceries.....	90 12
Ardenne Parker, groceries.....	81 36
Wm. L. Jones, provisions.....	25 59
P. R. Eames, provisions.....	57 31
D. W. Berry, provisions	54 93
L. G. Richardson, provisions	79 86
J. R. Morton, provisions.....	55 80
H. L. Day, bread and crackers	42 19
Edwin W. Studley, swine.....	14 00
Wm. O. Dockendorf, wood.....	37 78
J. B. Emerson, Adm'r, standing wood	62 27
E. H. Parker, standing wood	7 75
Joseph Stokes, wood.....	11 25
J. G. Morrill, wood.....	10 00
J. C. Gleason, coal.....	51 00
A. Hodson, painting, papering, etc.....	70 00
Francis Bartley, clothing.....	37 17
Wendell Bancroft, material and labor.....	17 81
R. C. Totten, blacksmith work.....	11 20
Samuel Brown, repairs of wagon	9 25
C. A. Weston, wheels.....	3 00
P. McCall, repairs of harness.....	1 60

Amount carried forward, \$1,929 72

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,929 72	
Emily Ruggles, dry goods	21 54	
William Hawes, fish	36 88	
H. A. Brown, medical attendance.....	10 75	
J. O. Dow, medical attendance.....	7 50	
Wm. H. Willis & Son, medicine.....	12 17	
R. Dexter Temple, undertaker	23 00	
Samuel Bennett, labor	18 87	
Mary F. Rierdon, labor in house	130 00	
D. Doucette, labor	11 67	
T. Littlefield & Son, stove and tin ware.....	7 50	
Reading Ice Co., ice.....	7 17	
Cummings' Express.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$2,217 02
Total amount expended.....	\$2,217 02	
Total amount received... ..	1,172 86	
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Net expense of Poor at Almshouse.....		\$1,044 16

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Marcella Wood, rent.....	\$24 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, rent.....	24 00	
Wife of Daniel L. Barnard, rent, \$15; fuel, \$3.32; groceries, \$2.....	20 32	
Mary A. Blanchard, rent, \$44; fuel, \$39.90; groceries and provisions, \$56.44; physi- cian's bill, \$48.75; medicine, \$7.75; shoes and clothing, \$2.95; repairs of stove, \$1.75.....	201 54	
Geo. E. Leathe, supplies.....	96 00	
Caroline Weichman, rent.....	84 00	
Alfred Flint, board.....	12 86	
Charles Jenkins, supplies, \$30.40; funeral ex- penses, \$31.50.....	\$61 90	
Less military aid.....	22 00	39 90 .
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$502 62	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$502 62	
Sarah Judkins, rent, \$42 ; physician's bill, \$6.25.	48 25	
John R. Dennett, groceries and provisions, \$55.28 ; fuel, \$29.38 ; blankets, \$1.....	85 66	
Louisa R. Parker, supplies	88 00	
Eliza M. Bancroft, supplies.....	52 50	
David F. Weston, rent, \$12.50 ; physician's bill, \$7.50.....	20 00	
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, fuel, \$26.82 ; groceries, \$1.14 ; physician's bill, \$1.25.....	29 21	
John S. Judkins, physician's bill, \$13.75 ; sick- ness, \$16.55.....	30 30	
Emery B. Eames, board.....	13 57	
Mrs. Benj. Weston, fuel	15 90	
Geo. H. Daland, supplies.....	11 32	
Darius Wellington, nursing, \$9.00 ; fuel, \$4.51.	13 51	
Delia Cassey, funeral expenses of child..	11 50	
M. Coffee, medical attendance	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$928 59

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Northampton, Abigail P. Beers	\$175 98	
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TRAMPS.

Parker & Stone, supplies.....	\$1 75	
Ardenne Parker, supplies.....	8 98	
	<hr/>	10 73
Number of tramps cared for at station, 447.		
Total expense of Poor out of Almshouse.....	\$1,115 30	
Net expense of Poor at Almshouse.....	1,044 16	
	<hr/>	2,159 46
Amount expended	\$2,159 46	
Amount unexpended.....	540 54	
	<hr/>	\$2,700 00

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes.....	\$ 77 58	
Boston, Luella R. Lloyd.....	102 75	
Malden, Sarah L. Penney.....	73 30	
Sherburne, Charles H. Leland.....	36 00	
Woburn, Mrs. Benj. Wood.....	6 37	
Wellesley, Sylvester Phelps.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$308 00

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF STATE.

Daniel L. Barnard.....	\$20 31	
Evelena Woodworth.....	23 50	
John H. Gates.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$46 31

RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

Malden, Sarah L. Penney.....	\$ 89 85	
Boston, Luella R. Lloyd.....	149 25	
Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes.....	80 28	
	<hr/>	\$319 38

RECEIVED FROM THE STATE.

Daniel L. Barnard.....	\$17 75	
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PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

1 horse.....	\$ 50 00
2 cows.....	100 00
40 fowls.....	32 00
1 swine.....	7 00
Light express wagon.....	55 00
Farm wagon.....	40 00
Stone wagon.....	15 00
Horse cart.....	35 00
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Amount carried forward, \$334 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$334 00
Sled	12 00
Sleigh	10 00
Mowing machine	12 00
Snow plough	5 00
Hay	120 00
Grain	5 00
Manure	40 00
Wood and coal	101 25
Standing wood	27 38
Harnesses	78 00
Logs and posts	12 00
Farming tools, etc.	105 00
Provisions	166 75
Furniture, crockery, tinware, etc.	338 80
Beds and bedding	219 25
Stoves and apparatus	103 56

\$1,689 99

R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	} Overseers
STILLMAN M. PRATT,	
JAMES A. BANCROFT.	
	} of
	} Poor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN THIS TOWN, MAY 1, 1886.

Real estate.....	\$2,180,912 00
Personal estate.....	211,203 00
Total valuation.....	\$2,392,115 00

Whole number of polls, 905, at \$2 00.....	\$1,810 00
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Amount of town appropriations.....	\$30,523 00
“ state tax.....	1,950 00
“ county tax.	1,172 37
“ overlaying.....	220 41

Total amount assessed.....	\$33,865 78
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Rate of taxation, \$13.40 per \$1000.

Total number of horses.....	319
“ cows.....	321
“ oxen.....	2
“ swine.....	78
“ dwelling houses.....	725
“ acres of land.....	5,734

Total value of real estate in 1886.....	\$2,180,912 00
“ “ “ 1885.....	2,163,309 00

Increase in 1886	\$17,603 00
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Total value of personal estate in 1886....	\$211,203 00
“ “ “ “ 1885....	200,633 00

Increase in 1886.....	\$10,570 00
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Respectfully submitted.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, STILLMAN M. PRATT, JAMES A. BANCROFT.	}	Assessors of Reading.
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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.....		\$700 00
Wheeler Reflector Co., lamps and oil.....	\$166 18	
Citizens' Gas-Light Co., gas, fixtures and labor.	193 66	
Globe Gas-Light Co., fixtures.....	20 55	
George Beasley, keeper, for lighting.....	227 43	
Warren Parker, for lighting.....	61 21	
John Fluke, labor.....	2 62	
George H. Taylor, labor.....	13 57	
J. Sterrett, repairs.....	2 15	
Wm. Hazen Bancroft, repairs.....	9 42	
T. Littlefield, repairs	1 50	
Moses E. Nichols, repairs.....	75	
J. C. Cook, repairs.....	50	
Cummings' Express.....	25	
	<hr/> \$699 79	
Unexpended	21	
	<hr/>	\$700 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation.....		\$200
S. G. Robinson, annual reports.....	130 70	
Wm. H. Twombly & Son, for Selectmen.....	49 63	
“ “ “ “ Board of Registrars	10 50	
“ “ “ “ Fire Wards.....	2 50	
Pratt Bros., for Assessors	2 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co.....	3 50	
	<hr/> \$198 83	
Unexpended	1 17	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Unexpended.....	\$300 00

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation.	\$100 00
Paid Harley Prentiss, Quartermaster.....	\$100 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation.....	\$1000 00
Doreas Berry.....	\$30 00
Mary A. Blanchard.....	48 00
Elizabeth W. DeRonde.....	48 00
Sarah Hetler.....	48 00
Eliza A. Hobbs.....	48 00
Mary A. McAllister	48 00
Catherine O'Keefe.....	12 00
Charlotte Richardson	12 00
Harriet C. Robinson.....	48 00
Henry F. Scruton	72 00
Marcella Wood	48 00
Charles B. Leathe.....	72 00
Clara A. Leathe.....	48 00
Lambertus W. Krook.....	48 00
Noble Bunker.....	36 00
Mary Bunker	33 00
Abbie E. Oliver.....	16 00
John Owens	54 00
Merrill Hutchinson.....	18 00
Samuel S. Crouch	16 00
John M. Houseman.....	12 00
Rosetta A. Houseman.....	12 00
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To be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.....	\$827 00
Charles Jenkins.....	\$22 00
John Owens.....	24 00
Thomas A. Evans.....	36 00
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One-half to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.	\$82 00
Unexpended.	81 00
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	\$990 00

POLICE.

Appropriation		\$200 00
William Reed & Son.....	\$2 00	
J. P. Lovell & Son.....	2 00	
George E. Davis.....	5 00	
George W. Beasley.....	5 00	
Loton W. Bryant.....	5 00	
William La Clair.....	5 00	
George W. Dean.....	8 50	
Charles S. Coney	10 00	
W. Wallace Davis.....	20 10	
L. E. Dudley.....	20 00	
Henry Stock.....	11 25	
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	\$ 93 85	
Unexpended.....	106 15	
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		\$200 00

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation.....		\$75 00
Fred W. Barry, stationery.....	\$1 95	
M. R. Warren, stationery	4 75	
Citizens' Gas-Light Co., gas.....	3 85	
Henry Stock, janitor.....	9 60	
Wendell Bancroft, fuel.....	4 80	
James Reid, stamps.....	1 50	
C. M. Barrows & Co., stationery.....	2 50	
Walter B. Ellis.....	86	
R. Dexter Temple, stamps.....	2 50	
Geo. H. Taylor, labor and fixtures.....	7 35	
David C. Temple, labor	2 25	
Ardenne Parker, broom	35	
George Beasley, keeper, wood.....	4 00	
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	\$46 26	
Unexpended.....	28 74	
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		\$75 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation.....		\$2,000 00
Edward Appleton, Auditor.....	\$10 00	
Henry Stock, Constable....	7 00	
“ “ returning unlicensed dogs.....	5 00	
George E. Davis, Constable	6 00	
Gilman L. Parker, School Committee.....	45 83	
Stillman E. Parker, “ “	50 00	
R. Dexter Temple, balance as Collector for 1883 taxes.....	50 00	
R. Dexter Temple, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor	300 00	
R. Dexter Temple, balance as Collector for 1884 taxes.....	100 00	
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer.....	200 00	
“ “ School Committee	50 00	
Stillman M. Pratt, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor.....	290 00	
James A. Bancroft, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor.....	300 00	
James A. Bancroft, School Committee.....	50 00	
James H. Griggs, Moderator.....	10 00	
James Reid, Town Clerk.....	50 00	
“ “ Clerk of Registrars.....	40 00	
“ “ Town Clerk, Official Records.....	10 00	
“ “ “ “ Indexing	5 00	
Frank W. B. Pratt, Auditor.....	10 00	
A. Newell Howes, Auditor.....	10 00	
George W. Dean, Constable.....	2 75	
Lewis W. Erskine, Constable, 1885.....	2 00	
Carroll D. Wright, School Committee.....	50 00	
Horace G. Wadlin, “ “	50 00	
William M. Titus, Registrar.....	40 00	
Henry Robinson, “	40 00	
John C. Gleason, for services as Collector....	200 00	
R. Dexter Temple, for writing and returning duplicate valuation book to the Common- wealth	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,998 58
Unexpended		1 42
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		\$2,000 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Blackstone National Bank	247 93
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	\$2,247 93
Institution for Savings, Newburyport.....	\$1,100 00
Warren Institution for Savings.....	300 00
Chrisje Ridder.....	30 00
State Treasurer	300 00
Mrs. Mary Stimpson.....	40 00
Miss Mary Stimpson.....	40 00
R. N. Temple, interest on trust fund for care of cemetery lots.....	10 00
G. C. Gleason, interest on trust fund for care of cemetery lots.....	16 25
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	\$1,836 25
Unexpended.....	411 68
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	\$2,247 93

CEMETERY.

Appropriation.....	\$400 00
Received for sale of lots.....	333 00
Balance from 1886.....	18 70
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	\$751 70
G. S. Tukey	\$15 00
N. W. Broad	4 72
Patrick Barrett.....	16 62
Michael Hennesey.....	39 75
Gilman C. Gleason	238 51
George Beasley	16 50
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	\$431 10
Unexpended.....	320 60
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	\$751 70

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$2,250 00
Cash for Union Engine.....	15 00
“ Eagle Engine House.....	115 00
“ Stove	17 00
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	\$2,397 00
Citizens' Gas-Light Co., Gas.....	\$15 40
Henry Stock, janitor.....	38 40
H. R. Heselton, services in care of hose.....	58 17
Parker & Stone, supplies.....	7 55
William Henry Bancroft, steward.....	48 00
Walter M. Scott.....	5 00
Robert F. Philbrook, engineer.....	116 65
Members of Fire Department, May 1, 1886....	961 05
Melville B. Estes, labor and material.....	14 00
Willard A. Bancroft.....	1 00
William E. Moulton, drawing machines.....	110 50
Wendell Bancroft, services as engineer.....	20 00
Same, fuel and labor.....	377 17
Albert J. Bancroft, labor.....	3 13
George E. Lang, expressing.....	1 95
W. H. Turner, repairs.....	11 25
Samuel Brown, labor and material.....	26 75
George W. Atkinson, oil.....	52
William L. Crowe, services as engineer.....	20 00
Arthur S. Richardson, clerk of engineers.....	25 00
Same, labor.....	3 50
G. S. Tukey, repairs.....	13 44
Moses E. Nichols, services as engineer.....	20 00
Same, labor.....	1 05
Edward C. Nichols, chief engineer.....	35 00
Henry A. Trull, services.....	5 68
Harley E. Cummings, services.....	3 33
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Amount carried forward,	\$1,943 49

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,943 49
Cummings Ex., expressing.....	1 90
Edward E. Smith, labor and stock.....	24 75
L. Thomas Eames, steward	64 50
R. Dexter Temple, advertising and selling en- gine house.....	5 00
W. H. Lowe, material.....	5 22
Charles Nichol, services.....	3 36
A. S. Jackson, material.....	13 40
Frank E. Richardson, labor.....	13 62
W. H. Banks, services.....	5 68
J. O'Brien, services	2 50
P. McCail, repairs.....	5 50
Burdett & Williams, material.....	3 70
Thomas A. Evans, labor	1 25
George Ambrose, services.....	6 58
Robert C. Totten, repairs.....	6 50
Stephen M. Hall, labor	75
Albert Anderson, material.....	2 00
William H. Trueworthy, services.....	7 27
Alonzo P. Morrison, services.....	7 65
Frank W. Danforth, labor.....	1 25
Benjamin M. Boyce, clocks.....	24 00
George W. Dean, services at fire.....	3 00
A. J. Morse, material.....	6 50
Gilbert Hunt, services.....	6 58
T. Littlefield & Son, labor and material.....	4 00
H. L. Cummings, teaming.....	5 50
Hiram Litchfield, labor clearing snow from cisterns	20 50
Henry Gorus, labor.....	75
Frank Willis, services.....	8 70
Ardenne Parker, teaming.....	25 46

 \$2,230 86

Unexpended..... 166 14

 \$2,397 00

NIGHT WATCHMAN.

Appropriation.....		\$700 00
Henry Stock, services.....	\$630 00	
Unexpended.....	70 00	
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REMOVING ICE AND SNOW.

Appropriation.....		\$400 00
William L. Jones.....	\$5 50	
Hiram Litchfield.....	3 75	
Robert Henry.....	1 05	
Oliver A. Swain.....	7 00	
George M. Hutchinson.....	1 80	
Jesse N. Hutchinson.....	2 85	
Dennis P. Babb.....	34 95	
William Carley.....	1 13	
Alden S. Johnson.....	10 80	
Charles A. Weston.....	25 20	
Patrick Burns.....	88	
William H. Mathews.....	90	
Henry Gorus.....	2 40	
William E. Moulton.....	44 00	
Michael Forbes.....	16 50	
Montclair Barbrick.....	3 00	
Frank E. Richardson.....	1 50	
Joseph Stokes.....	3 60	
William J. Draffin.....	3 30	
Richard B. Nichols.....	15 15	
Wendell Bancroft.....	11 10	
Edward E. Nichols.....	29 20	
Melvile B. Estes.....	1 50	
George Beasley.....	13 00	
Stillman M. Pratt.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$256 06
Unexpended.....	143 94	
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CROSS-WALK, HIGH AND WOBURN STREETS.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
Dominique Doucette, labor.....	\$2 20	
Walter B. Ellis, concrete.....	27 44	
Sweatt & Davis, granite.....	6 88	
George Beasley, labor.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$39 02
Unexpended.....		10 98
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		\$50 00

CROSS-WALK, CHUTE AND HAVEN STREETS.

Appropriation.....		\$60 00
Dominique Doucette and men, labor.....	\$16 00	
Sweatt & Davis, granite.....	29 60	
Svelvyn B. Muse, concrete.....	6 05	
Milton D. Parker, gravel.....	60	
George Beasley, labor.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	59 25
Unexpended.....		75
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		\$60 00

DEFICIENCIES.

Appropriation.....		\$400 00
Carroll D. Wright, school committee.....	\$25 00	
Edward F. Parker, treasurer.....	100 00	
Edward F. Parker, school committee.....	25 00	
James A. Bancroft, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor.....	100 00	
Stillman M. Pratt, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor.....	75 00	
George Beasley, labor on highways, 1885-1886.	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

GUIDE BOARDS AND STREET SIGNS.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
A. Hodson, signs and labor.....	\$50 00	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$3,200 00
Cash for stone sold.....	3 00
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	\$3,203 00
Charles A. Weston, self and team.....	\$507 85
Hiram Litchfield, labor.....	185 40
William E. Moulton, men and team.....	101 25
Patrick Burns, labor... ..	177 64
Joseph Tuzen, labor... ..	82 09
Timothy Riordan, labor....	89 97
John P. Riordan, labor.....	76 84
Joseph W. Kellam, labor... ..	28 95
William J. Draffin, self and team.....	93 30
Willard A. Bancroft, self and team.....	34 50
George Earley, labor.. ..	54 09
Oliver A. Swain, labor.....	141 24
Dennis P. Babb, self and team.....	24 00
Charles C. Green, self and team	63 90
Michael Forbes, self and team.....	86 40
David Whelton, self and team.....	63 90
H. F. Barker, labor....	24 50
Luther E. Nichols, labor.....	28 65
Oren N. Jones, labor.....	117 07
James Kelley, labor.....	9 00
George A. Jones, man and team....	18 75
B. & M. Railroad, freight.....	63
George Beasley, labor.....	74 20
Everett B. Richardson, gravel.....	3 96
W. W. Ruggles' heirs, gravel.....	4 08
Albert Green, labor.....	7 50
George E. Lang, express.....	1 00
Chester B. Pratt, labor.....	3 00
Emerson Smith, labor.....	123 21
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,226 87

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,226 87
Frank J. Bancroft, team.....	6 00
Edwin Manning, gravel.....	53 76
Oscar Foote, gravel.....	1 80
Wendell Bancroft, lumber and labor.....	7 58
Dominique Doucette, labor, self and men.....	89 61
James E. Wilkins, labor.....	33 45
Higganum Manufacturing Co., tools.....	8 25
William H. Mathews, gravel.....	25 38
Walter B. Ellis, concrete.....	1 00
Richard J. Hallet, labor.....	7 50
William Taylor, labor.....	28 65
John Fluke, labor.....	70
Michael Hennesey, labor.....	15 22
Joseph Stokes, labor.....	34 92
Nathan Crafts, labor.....	5 00
Fisk, Coleman & Co., drain pipe.....	4 05
Osgood & Hart, iron grates.....	22 00
Daniel C. Sanborn, gravel.....	7 08
Francis H. Knight, stone.....	14 00
Solon Bancroft, stone.....	2 33
James M. Eames, labor.....	1 00
Sweatt & Davis, stone.....	2 99
Etson Damon, stone.....	50
Frank E. Brooks, Gravel.....	4 56
Richard B. Nichols, labor.....	10 95
James T. Eames, labor.....	8 80
Edwin P. Nichols, labor.....	7 50
Jonathan Moulton, man and team.....	18 65
Arthur G. Emerson, self and team.....	56 70
George W. Atkinson, gravel.....	40 08
J. Dexter Jones, labor.....	42 45
Amos Damon 2d, labor.....	219 11
George Buck, labor.....	1 50
W. W. Davis, man and team.....	23 55

Amount carried forward, \$3,033 49

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,033 49	
Albert F. Emerson, gravel.....	15 30	
Alden S. Johnson, team.....	4 50	
Edward E. Nichols, man and team.....	43 16	
W. Hazen Bancroft, labor and stock.....	2 32	
M. D. Robinson, self and team.....	1 25	
Robert C. Totten, labor and materials.....	17 81	
Samuel Brown, team.....	18 75	
James S. Bond, removing stone.....	15 00	
William G. Bryant, materials.....	3 75	
Milton D. Parker, Gravel.....	18 90	
Willard B. Nichols, team.....	28 65	
	<hr/>	\$3,202 88
Unexpended.....		12
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		\$3,203 00

WIDENING MAIN STREET.

Appropriation		\$400 00
Newell C. Flanders.....	\$30 62	
Robert Henry.....	27 00	
John T. Rudolph.....	21 75	
George H. Porter.....	34 50	
Jonathan Heselton.....	18 00	
Hiram Litchfield.....	1 50	
Dominique Doucette.....	43 05	
Eben Beard.....	44 62	
Stillman E. Parker.....	4 00	
Fisk, Coleman & Co.....	22 37	
Amos Damon.....	1 75	
Asa Parker.....	55 50	
Henry F. Parker.....	19 50	
George W. Thayer.....	21 00	
Eastman Austin.....	12 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$357 16	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$357 16	
T. H. Gould.....	20	
B. & M. Railroad.....	1 45	
Stillman M. Pratt.....	27 75	
	<hr/>	\$386 56
Unexpended.....		13 44
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		\$400 00

MIDDLESEX AVENUE AND VALLEY STREET.

Appropriation		\$75 00
Robert Henry	\$10 40	
Newell C. Flanders	12 12	
Richard B. Nichols	30 00	
R. C. Totten	1 40	
Asa Parker	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$74 92
Unexpended		08
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		\$75 00

OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
C. H. Nowell, Treas. Congregational Society..	\$50 00	

PENNEY CASE.

Appropriation		\$160 21
Solon Bancroft, attorney, costs and services...	\$160 21	

PIERCE CLAIM.

Appropriation		\$30 00
D. S. & G. F. Richardson, for services.....	\$30 00	

ROBERTS CLAIM.

Appropriation		\$137 73
James A. Bancroft, surveying.....	\$5 00	
Solon Bancroft, attorney, costs and services....	132 73	
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MARY BROWN CASE.

Appropriation		\$50 00
Solon Bancroft, attorney, services.....	\$50 00	

HAVEN STREET CONCRETE WALK.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00	
Received of Zebiah Balch.....	\$66 00	
" Gilman D. Kingman.....	42 50	
" Gardner Somes' heirs.....	28 50	
" Totten, Garfield, & Brown.....	12 31	
		<u>149 31</u>
		\$1,149 31
Paid Dominique Doucette and men.....	\$175 95	
" William E. Moulton, men and team.....	96 38	
" Michael Hennessy.....	18 37	
" David C. Temple, labor.....	2 00	
" John Fluke.....	2 63	
" Walter B. Ellis, concreting.....	500 26	
" N. W. Broad, labor, self and man.....	28 82	
" Emerson Smith, labor.....	41 12	
" George Beasley, labor, self and team....	24 00	
" Wendell Bancroft, material.....	6 71	
" Jacob W. Manning, trees.....	24 00	
" Sweatt & Davis, granite	453 46	
" Totten, Garfield, & Brown, concrete.....	15 52	
" Edward P. Collins, iron.....	28	
		<u>\$1,389 50</u>
Overdrawn.....		240 19
		<u>\$1,389 50</u>
Due from Emma G. Gowing.....	\$11 21	
" Gilman D. Kingman.....	45 00	
" William Mears.....	31 50	
" John B. Weston.....	16 93	
" Martha J. Greenwood Estate.....	90 00	
		<u>\$194 64</u>

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation.....		\$500 00
Received from Galan A. Parker.....	\$58 14	
“ S. G. Bradley Pearsons.....	30 12	
“ R. C. B. Association.....	2 96	
“ Annie E. Appleton.....	78 28	
“ James Wight.....	78 13	
“ Benjamin M. Boyce.....	44 56	
“ John B. Weston.....	9 63	
	<hr/>	\$301 82
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		\$801 82
Paid Walter B. Ellis, concreting.....	\$226 44	
“ Dominique Doucette, labor self and men.....	73 85	
“ Wendell Bancroft, material.....	1 28	
“ Emerson Smith, labor.....	4 38	
“ William E. Moulton, men and teams.....	20 70	
“ Sweatt & Davis, granite.....	329 16	
“ S. G. B. Pearsons, granite.....	1 48	
“ Milton D. Parker, gravel.....	66	
“ George Beasley, self and team.....	32 40	
	<hr/>	\$690 35
Unexpended		111 47
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		\$801 82
Now due.....	\$38 84	

TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation.....	\$2,363 00	
New Loan.....		5,000 00
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		\$7,363 00
Paid Chrisje Ridder, on note.....	\$500 00	
Balance	6,863 00	
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Julia Parker.....	\$3 35	
Walter M. Scott.....	2 48	
Bertha Dole.....	6 70	
W. W. Ruggles' heirs.....	6 70	
Moses Barbrick's heir.....	2 20	
Seth Bessy.....	18 17	
Hephzibah Briggs.....	50	
Lucy W. Roby.....	19 09	
George Swan's heirs.....	9 96	
Clarassa H. Turner.....	19 92	
John H. Sweet's heir.....	25	
Alden Whittridge's heirs.....	25	
William Whittridge's heirs.....	50	
Wyman Isaac.....	25	
Benjamin Needham.....	33	
James Sullivan.....	5 66	
R. D. Temple, poll tax, 1883.....	4 00	
" " 1884.....	107 64	
" personal, 1884.....	6 03	
	<hr/>	\$213 98
Overdrawn.....		13 98
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		\$200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation.....		\$300 00
R. Dexter Temple, Auctioneer's license.....	\$2 00	
Henry Stock, lockup fees.....	2 50	
E. Beard, posts.....	1 00	
William M. Phillips Estate, concrete.....	15 67	
James Reid, oleomargarine license.....	50	
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		\$321 67

Lyceum Hall Association.....	50 00
Henry Stock, lockup keeper.....	10 00
Henry Stock, serving dog notices, etc.....	6 54
M. R. Warren, dog license book.....	1 00
Frank W. Danforth, painting signs.....	1 50
G. S. Tukey, pump and repairs.....	22 75
James A. Bancroft, surveying.....	13 00
James A. Bancroft, fixtures for town office	75
Everett C. Parker, labor	4 10
Stillman E. Parker, census of school children....	12 00
Cummings Express.....	95
T. Groom & Co., tax book.....	1 50
William C. Millbury, ringing bell.....	1 50
M. B. Estes, railing Main St. pumps.....	12 00
M. B. Estes, labor.....	1 60
Stephen M. Hall, labor, Main St. well	4 00
A. W. Carr, lantern	90
C. H. Tarbell, fixture for town office.....	2 60
Parker & Stone, fertilizer for lawn on common...	2 00
Daniel C. Sanborn, ringing bell	3 00
Lewis M. Bancroft, teller Nov. election.....	3 00
Fred Bancroft, " "	3 00
Wendell Bancroft, lumber and labor for well on common	23 73
George W. Dean, care of flag, etc.....	7 00
Moses E. Nichols, labor.....	40
Packard & Burrill, duster.....	2 00
John O. Dow, returning nine births.....	2 25
George W. Putnam, release of tax title.....	7 68
R. Dexter Temple, undertaker, return'g 26 deaths.	6 50
R. Dexter Temple, writing and recording release..	1 75
William O. Dockendorff, repairing pump.....	35
Joseph D. Gowing, treasurer of No. Reading re- pairs of bridge.....	6 78
F. F. Brown, returning births.....	9 75

Amount carried forward,

\$225 88

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$225 88	
Joseph F. Runnells, ringing bell.....	2 00	
George E. Langs' express'	1 50	
Asa Parker, labor 1885.....	1 75	
Benjamin F. Pratt, labor.....	1 50	
George Beasley, distributing Annual Reports.....	6 00	
Edward F. Parker, truant officer.....	5 00	
Edward F. Parker, expenses.....	3 00	
Lewis W. Erskine, serving notice on dog owners '85...	4 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing	7 50	
William J. Draffin, labor.....	9 00	
James Reid, town clerk, recording births, marriages, and deaths.....	45 25	
James Reid, certificates to representatives, etc.....	8 93	
		321 31
Unexpended		36
		<u>\$321 67</u>

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1886.

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	Sundries	Amount.	Expen'd.	Balance.	Over'd.
Support of Poor.					
Appropriation.....	\$2700 00				
Labor, produce and board.....	1172 86				
		\$3872 86	3332 32	540 54	
Support of Poor of cities and towns rec'd.		309 38	308 00	1 38	
Support of Poor of State.....		17 75	43 81		26 06
Abatement of Taxes.....		200 00	213 98		13 98
Cemetery.					
Appropriation.....	400 00				
Balance from Trustees.....	18 70				
Sale of lots.....	333 00				
		751 70	331 10	420 60	
Cross-walk High and Woburn streets.....		50 00	39 02	10 98	
Cross-walk High cor. Haven and Chute...		60 00	59 25	75	
Haven Street Concrete Walk.					
Appropriation	1000 00				
Rec'd for curbstones and concrete...	149 31				
		1149 31	1389 50		240 19

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1886—Con'd.

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	Sundries	Amount.	Expen'd.	Balance.	Over'd.
Concrete Sidewalks.					
Appropriation.....	500 00				
Rec'd for curbstone and concrete....	301 82				
		801 82	690 35	111 47	
Deficiencies		400 00	400 00		
Fire Department.					
Appropriation	2250 00				
Sale of Engine.....	15 00				
Sale of Engine House.....	115 00				
Sale of Stove.....	17 00				
		2397 00	2230 86	166 14	
Guide Boards and Street Signs.....		50 00	50 00		
Highways.					
Appropriation.....	3200 00				
Stone sold	3 00				
		3203 00	3202 88	12	
Town Debt.					
Appropriation	2363 00				
New Loans.....	5000 00				
		7363 00	500 00	6863 00	
Incidental School Expenses.					
Appropriation	1400 00				
Insurance on High School House....	775 00				
Insurance on Furniture.....	110 00				
Cash for Books and Supplies.....	24 14				
Cash for Glass.....	25				
		2309 39	1774 46	534 93	
Schools.					
Appropriation	8390 00				
School Committee, School Fund....	342 05				
		8642 05	8642 05		
Interest.					
Appropriation	2090 00				
Received on Deposits.....	247 93				
		2247 93	1836 25	411 68	
Library.					
Appropriation	450 00				
Dog Tax.....	353 70				
		803 70	803 70		
Miscellaneous Expenses.					
Appropriation	300 00				
Auc. license, \$2; Lockup fees, \$2.50; Posts, \$1; Concrete, \$15.67; Town Clerk fees, .50.....	21 67				
		321 67	321 31	36	
Middlesex Ave. and Valley St. Appro'n...		75 00	74 92	8	
Enforcement of Liquor Law.....		300 00		300 00	
New School House.					
Appropriation	7500 00				
Sale of Union Hall.....	350 00				
		7850 00	7849 92	8	
Night Watchman.....		700 00	630 00	70 00	
Old South Clock.....		50 00	50 00		
Printing		200 00	198 83	1 17	
Police.....		200 00	93 85	106 15	
City of Malden (Penney case)		160 21	160 21		
Pierce claim.....		30 00	30 00		
Roberts claim.....		137 73	137 73		
Mary Brown case.....		50 00	50 00		
Removing Ice and Snow		400 00	262 51	137 49	
State Aid.....		1000 00	889 00	111 00	
Street Lights.....		700 00	699 79	21	
Salaries of Town Officers.....		2000 00	1998 58	1 42	
Soldiers' Graves.....		100 00	100 00		
Town Office.		75 00	46 26	28 74	
Widening Main Street.....		400 00	386 56	13 44	
		\$49,378 50	\$39,827 00	\$9,831 73	\$280 23

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In explanation of the statement of some of the expenditures given on the preceding pages, we would say that in the case of Mary Brown a suit was brought by the State Treasurer to recover for her support. The question of her settlement was the one in dispute, and it was a difficult question to determine. She became an inmate of the Reading Almshouse. It was thought best by the Board of Selectmen in office during the pendency of the case, in the uncertainty as to the result, not to urge a trial, but to keep the matter in abeyance, and make no claim against the Commonwealth for her subsequent support if the Commonwealth did not press its claim for her former support. It remained in court several years under the charge of Mr. Bancroft, and a trial was avoided, though some preparations were necessarily made for one, until it was finally dismissed from the docket. It was afterwards restored to the docket, but has now been practically abandoned by the plaintiff, and it is thought that no further legal measures can be taken by either party.

In the suit against the City of Malden (Penney Case), at the trial in the Superior Court, it was ruled that the action was barred by the Statute of Limitations even before the action of the town in the matter at the annual meeting held in April, 1883. This being a mooted question, however, and it being thought desirable that there should be a determination of the liabilities of towns in such cases, as well as a recovery of the amount due in this case, if possible, exceptions were taken to the ruling of the presiding Justice of the Superior Court and

carried before the full bench of the Supreme Court. That Court, in an opinion given by Chief Justice Morton, sustained the ruling of the Court below.

The claim of Frank E. Roberts *vs.* Town of Reading was carried to the Superior Court and decided in favor of the Town. Judgment for \$68.16 for costs against the plaintiff stands on record in Court.

The \$30.00 paid in Pierce case was for Counsel which was not forwarded in season to be paid last year.

We herewith present for your consideration the following list of appropriations :

For Support of poor.....	\$2,700 00
Salaries of Town officers.....	2,000 00
Military aid.....	1,000 00
Street lights.....	800 00
Printing.....	225 00
Abatement of taxes.....	275 00
Town office.. .. .	75 00
Miscellaneous.....	500 00
Highways.....	3,300 00
Removing snow.....	350 00
Deficiency.....	150 00

R. DEXTER TEMPLE,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
STILLMAN M. PRATT,		
JAMES A. BANCROFT,		

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

DR.

To uncollected balance 1883 taxes.....	\$219 87	
“ “ 1884 “	2,802 59	
“ interest 1883 “	28 95	
“ “ 1884 “	200 29	
	\$3,251 70	

CR.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, treasurer, on 1883 taxes.....	\$219 87	
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, treasurer, on 1884 taxes.....	2,802 59	
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, treasurer, int- erest on 1883 taxes.....	28 95	
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, treasurer, int- erest on 1884 taxes.....	200 29	
	\$3,251 70	

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Collector.*

READING, March 21, 1887.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JOHN C. GLEASON, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1885.....	\$6,483 84
“ collected interest on 1885 taxes.....	112 81
“ committed tax list of 1886.....	33,865 78
“ collected interest on 1886 taxes.....	46 57
“ additional assessments.....	6 00
	—————\$40,515 00

Cr.

By paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer on 1885	
taxes	\$3,862 95
By paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, on 1886	
taxes	25,133 18
By paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer.....	1,172 37
“ uncollected taxes of 1885.....	2,733 70
“ “ “ 1886.....	7,612 80
	—————\$40,515 00

JOHN C. GLEASON, *Collector.*

READING, March 21, 1887.

DR.

EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER, IN

To cash in Treasury, March 1, 1886, cemetery bequest.....	\$725 00
" " " " for paying Town debt.....	3918 00
" " " " 	6,787 63
Cash paid back to Treasurer on orders paid, 1885.....	171 24
Blackstone Bank, interest.....	247 93
Hired money, School-house loan.....	5,000 00
City of Malden, support of Sarah L. Penney, 1885.....	19 40
" " " " " 1886.....	70 45
City of Boston, support of L. R. Lloyd, 1885.....	71 00
" " " " " 1886.....	78 25
Town of Lynnfield, support of Henry L. Hewes, 1885.....	80 28
County Treasurer, dog tax.....	353 70
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	1,330 22
" " National Bank tax.....	450 36
" " State Aid, Acts 1879, chap. 301.....	762 00
" " " " " 252.....	108 00
" " Support of State poor.....	17 75
Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	368 34
Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	206 66
Traders & Mechanics Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	310 00
Trustees of Cemetery, for lots sold.....	351 70
School Committee, for Union Hall building.....	350 00
Fire Department, E. C. Nichols, for old engine sold.....	15 00
" " " " " stove sold.....	17 00
" " " " " engine house sold....	115 00
Night Watchman, lockup fees.....	2 50
John H. Bancroft, Janitor, for glass broken.....	25
James Reid, Town Clerk, license fees.....	50
School Committee, books and supplies sold.....	24 14
" " from school fund.....	342 05
Overseers of the Poor, Almshouse account.....	732 34
C. A. Weston, for stone sold.....	3 00
Paid back to Treasurer on orders paid, 1886.....	169 39
R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Selectmen, concrete sidewalk account.....	467 80
R. Dexter Temple, Col. List, 1883.....	248 82
" " " 1884.....	3,002 88
John C. Gleason, " 1885.....	3,862 95
" " " 1886.....	25,133 18
	<hr/>
	\$55,916 71

ACCOUNT OF

Balance, March 1, 1886.....	\$154 65
Received from State Treasurer.....	187 40
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	\$342 05

ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.**Cr.**

By paying State Tax.....	\$1,950 00
" Selectmen's orders.....	39,417 39
Cash in Treasury, cemetery bequest and interest.....	745 00
" " for paying Town debt.....	5,781 00
Cash in Treasury.....	8,023 32
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	\$55,916 71

SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for Tuition.....	\$342 05
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EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes outstanding March 1st, 1886.....	\$43,750 00	
Town notes outstanding March 1st, 1887.....		\$48,250 00
Five hundred dollars has been paid in anticipation on one of the notes outstanding last year, and five thousand dollars has been borrowed on account of the new school-house, making the net increase of the Town's notes..		
	\$4,500 00	
Interest accrued on town notes to March 1...		451 91
Due Fire Department, estimated.....		800 00
Miscellaneous debts, "		200 00

TRUST FUNDS

FOR CARE OF LOTS IN CEMETERY.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield.....	\$100 00	
" Thomas Sweetser.....	100 00	
" Sabina Nichols.....	100 00	
" Martha Pike.....	25 00	
" Sarah Batchelder.....	25 00	
" George L. Smith.....	200 00	
" Susan A. Martin.....	100 00	
" Susan Wight, Elizabeth Preston, and Margaret Gilman.....	75 00	
		725 00

These funds by vote of the town were to be credited with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. annually.

Interest accrued on above fund not yet expended.....	20 00
Total Liabilities.....	\$50,446 91

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1885.....	\$2,733 70
“ “ 1886.....	7,612 80
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes.....	422 67
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts...	46 31
“ City of Boston....	24 50
“ “ Malden	2 85
“ Town of Lynnfield.....	77 58
“ “ Sherborn.....	36 00
“ “ Woburn	6 37
“ State Aid account.....	827 00
“ Military Aid.....	41 00
Trust funds for cemetery purposes and interest	745 00
Balance of appropriation for town debt, 1884.	1,555 00
Appropriation for town debt, 1885.....	2,363 00
Balance of appropriation for town debt, 1886.	1,863 00
Other cash in treasury.....	8,023 32
	<hr/> \$26,380 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Net debt March 1st, 1886.....	\$23,634 13
Net debt March 1st, 1887.....	24,066 81

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm and buildings.....	\$4,600 00
Personal property at town farm.	1,689 99
	<hr/> \$6,289 99
Cemetery land not lotted, about 2 acres, and 107 lots not sold.....	\$2,800 00
Hearse and hearse house.....	100 00
	<hr/> 2,900 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$9,189 99

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$9,189 99	
Steamer and hose carriage.....	3,700 00	
Harnesses, tools and furniture.....	542 75	
Eagle engine and hose carriage.....	200 00	
Hancock engine and hose carriage.....	225 00	
Hancock engine house.....	1,100 00	
Hook and ladder truck and tools, and Johnson pumps.....	162 50	
Hose and pipes.....	3,064 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,994 25

Also for use of fire department, 27 cisterns and wells.

School-houses and lots.....	\$27,150 00	
Furniture and school-books, piano, etc	3,250 00	
Engine house and town offices and lot.....	9,000 00	
Land in rear of engine house	1,000 00	
Public library, books and furniture... ..	4,000 00	
Property in town offices.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	44,700 00
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		\$62,884 24

The schedule of Town property has been carefully revised this year with the aid of the several departments, and we think it now shows a correct valuation.

The accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Collector have been examined and found correct. The trust funds and appropriations for town debt are in bank, and the balance of other cash in hand, as stated by the Treasurer, \$8,023.32, is correct.

The first note of the Town coming due is for \$6000, payable July 27th of this year, and the balance of appropriations for this purpose now in the treasury, \$5,781, is nearly enough to pay it. The next note coming due is for \$4,500, due August 9th, this year. With the usual appropriation for this purpose, we can pay half of this note

and renew the balance. The first note coming due is the last note of the town bearing 5 per cent. interest; the other notes outstanding last year bear 4 per cent. and the new notes given this year bear only $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

EDWARD APPLETON,	}	Auditors.
A. NEWELL HOWES,		
G. F. WADSWORTH,		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Engineers of the Fire Department make their annual report.

There have been four alarms since the last report, as follows :

1886. May 2, at 2.15 p. m. Wood fire. Dana Parker and others.
Loss, \$75. Cause, spark from locomotive.
No insurance.
1886. Aug. 21. Explosion of an oil stove, at the house of Mr.
Davies, Main St., was the cause of a needless
alarm. No loss.
1886. Dec. 22, at 4 p. m. New England Rubber Co. Loss, \$250.
Cause, boiling benzine. No insurance.
1887. Jan. 18, at 2 p. m. High School building. Loss, \$900 ;
insurance, \$7500 ; insurance received, \$885.
Cause, over-heated furnace.

We take pleasure in congratulating the town on the small loss by fire during the past year, and on the efficiency of the department, which has been wholly able to meet all demands upon it, without sending to any other town for assistance.

The members of the department are distributed as follows :

Steamer,	15 men
Hancock engine,	50 "
Hook and Ladder truck,	16 "

There has been but a slight addition to the apparatus during the past year. The old double outlet of Eagle engine has been changed, at a very slight expense, into a very efficient "Siamese" coupling, which, we believe, will be very useful if water has to be pumped a long distance.

The sale of Eagle engine house became a necessity, for the school committee wished to use the site of the engine house for the new

school-house. The building brought the town but little more than enough to pay for arching the cistern, which was formerly under the engine house. The sale of the old Washington engine also brought in a small sum of money. We recommend that the town authorize the Board of Engineers to sell the Eagle engine if they receive an offer which would be to the advantage of the town, for old hand engines are depreciating in value very rapidly.

The Hook and Ladder truck is very weak, as it has been in use thirty years, and as it was never heavy enough for the apparatus required by your present department. Therefore we recommend the town to purchase, at an early date, an entirely new truck and ladders.

The steamer and hose-carriage will need but slight, or no repairs; and Hancock engine, having been thoroughly repaired the past year, needs no additional repairs. The hose is nearly all in good condition, and needs no addition the present year.

There is great need of several cisterns in the most exposed parts of the town. One of our citizens has felt this need so strongly that he has put down a well, for fire purposes, at his own expense. If the town is not to put in water works in the very near future, there is great need of a better supply of water for fire purposes.

The Board believes that the responsibility of the foremen of the different companies of the department is such that they are entitled to a greater compensation than they now receive, and recommends that the pay of each foreman be raised ten dollars (\$10.00).

The Board recommends that the appropriation to defray the expenses of the fire department be the same as it was last year, that is, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars.

In conclusion, the Board desires to thank the citizens for favors it has received, and to compliment the department for its promptness and efficiency in the performance of its duties.

(Signed)

E. C. NICHOLS,	<i>Chief.</i>
WM. L. CROWE,	} <i>Assistants.</i>
WENDELL BANCROFT,	
MOSES NICHOLS,	
ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON,	<i>Clerk.</i>

POLICE REPORT.

READING, MARCH 1, 1887.

SELECTMEN OF READING :

Gentlemen, we submit the annual Police report. Number of arrests for the year, 8.

For drunkenness	6	Males, 5 Females, 1
“ assault.....	1	—Male
“ larceny.....	1	—Male
Tramps taken care of.....	447	
Doors found unlocked.....	9	

Respectfully,

HENRY STOCK, *Chief of Police.*

WM. W. DAVIS, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

During the past year nothing beyond the ordinary care of the grounds has been undertaken. The expenses have been principally paid by orders of the Selectmen, given by them directly to the parties in whose favor they should be drawn, a member of that Board, Mr. James A. Bancroft, having had the general charge of the grounds during a large portion of the year. Hence an account of the receipts and disbursements appears only in their Report. There is no money from the unexpended balance of the appropriation and receipts in the hands of the Committee.

It has been suggested that a new receiving tomb should be provided. For many years what was formerly a private tomb, and which now contains the remains of members of one of our oldest families, has been used for a temporary receptacle of the dead, when one was required. It need not be said that it hardly meets the requirements of such a place at the present time. The matter will be brought before the town at the annual meeting.

For the space of half a century, terminating the past year, Mr. Gilman C. Gleason has continuously served as the only undertaker in the town. With a few exceptions, all the present occupants of the new cemetery, and very many of those in the old burial ground, have been laid in their last resting place under his supervision. His duties have been so faithfully and carefully performed, and with such kindness and delicate consideration for the feelings and wishes of the friends of the departed, that no one seemed to wish for a change, and no one could think of seeking to take his place while he was willing to

continue to occupy it. But ill health and a desire to spend his remaining years free from care have induced him to surrender to more youthful hands the burdens and responsibilities of the position. Long may it be before he joins the many whose faces and forms he was the last person to see ere the green turf should shelter them forever from mortal sight.

Mr. R. Dexter Temple has taken the place made vacant by the withdrawal of Mr. Gleason, and seems to fill it very acceptably to those who have need of his services. He has evinced great interest in his new calling, and an interest in the cemetery which indicates that his services will be very useful in the future.

F. O. DEWEY,	}	Cemetery
J. A. BANCROFT,		
W. W. DAVIS,		} Committee.
F. W. B. PRATT,		
S. BANCROFT,		

READING, March, 1887.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:—

The circulation of the library has increased during the year, the total reaching 17,000 volumes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$450 00	
Amount of dog tax.....	353 70	
	<hr/>	\$803 70

Expenditures:—

Lizzie S. Cox, Librarian.....	\$152 35	
Gertrude G. Ruggles, assistant.....	15 90	
R. J. Hill, binding books.....	23 60	
E. Whitefield, books.....	10 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing.....	26 25	
Ticknor & Co., books.....	21 25	
Estes & Lauriat, books.....	272 12	
Citizens' Gas-Light Company, gas.....	29 75	
J. C. Gleason, coal.....	6 50	
H. E. Cox, wood.....	4 69	
L. M. Bancroft, insurance.....	37 50	
N. W. Broad, labor.....	50	
F. W. Parker, labor.....	23 29	
W. Proctor, rent.....	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$803 70

FINE ACCOUNT.

Amount of Balance, 1886.....	\$45 00	
Received for fines.....	38 30	
" cards	4 80	
" catalogues	9 20	
" paper sold.....	72	
	<hr/>	\$98 02

Paid for bookbinding.....	\$15 00	
“ expressage.	1 40	
“ incidentals	1 62	
“ books.....	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 02
Balance		<hr/> \$63 00

The following volumes have been presented to the library :

NAME OF DONOR.	NO. OF VOLUMES.
State of Massachusetts	8
United States.....	5
Rev. E. Davies.....	2
Town of Wakefield.....	1
F. H. Gilson.....	3
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Total	19

Two vacancies will require to be filled at the ensuing annual meeting, the terms of Messrs. C. M. Barrows and James H. Griggs expiring.

Respectfully submitted :

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman.*
 HORACE G. WADLIN, *Sec'y.*
 JAMES H. GRIGGS,
 CYRUS M. BARROWS,
 HARLEY PRENTISS,
 CHAS. D. THOMAS,
Trustees.

READING, March 12, 1887.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF READING,
FOR THE YEAR 1886-7.

REPORT.

The School Committee for the year ending March, 1887, respectfully submit the following report:—

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee at its first meeting for the year organized by the choice of Horace G. Wadlin, chairman, and Gilman L. Parker, secretary.

The Sub Committees are as follows:—

SUB COMMITTEES.

High School—Messrs. Wadlin and Wright.

First Grammar—Mr. Wright.

Second Grammar—Mr. Barrows.

Third Grammar—Mr. G. L. Parker.

Upper Medium—Mr. E. F. Parker.

Lower Medium—Mr. G. L. Parker.

Upper Primary—Mr. Wright.

Lower Primary—Mr. Wadlin.

Chestnut Hill Schools—Mr. Barrows.

Woburn Street Schools—Mr. Bancroft.

Lowell Street School—Mr. E. F. Parker.

Main Street School—Mr. Bancroft.

Haverhill Street School—Mr. Barrows.

On Music—Messrs. Wright and G. L. Parker.

On Prudential Affairs—Messrs. E. F. Parker and Bancroft.

On Accounts and Pay Roll—Mr. E. F. Parker.

On Purchase of Books and Supplies—Mr. E. F. Parker.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The progress of the schools has been fully up to the standard of previous years. Certain changes have taken place in the force of teachers. The principal of the High school, Mr. Edward P. Fitts, and the second assistant, Miss Adams, resigned during the summer vacation. After considering the merits of a large number of applicants for the first position, the Committee selected Mr. John B. Gifford, of Stoughton, and for assistant promoted Miss Annie Lawrence, of the Lower Medium school. Miss Mason was transferred from the Woburn street primary to the place formerly occupied by Miss Lawrence. Miss Addie M. Bancroft, of Reading, a recent graduate of the Salem Normal school, was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Miss Mason. Miss Hattie Emerson, of the Woburn street grammar school, resigned at the close of the spring term to accept a more lucrative position elsewhere, and Miss M. Fannie Wilson was transferred to this school from the Main street school; Miss Elnora Emerson, of Reading, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal school, taking her place at Main street.

Miss Jennie R. Barrus, who had long taught the First grammar school to the entire satisfaction of the Committee and those parents who were so fortunate as to have pupils under her care, also resigned during the year. The vacancy was first filled by the selection of Miss Katharine Halliday, who came to the Committee with an excellent record as to scholarship, and with the advantage of some previous experience, and also highly endorsed by the principal of the Bridgewater Normal school, of which she was a graduate. The resignation of Miss Halliday at the close of the Fall term, resulted in the appointment of Miss Lilla H. Morrell to this school, and she is now the teacher in charge.

The work of the schools generally has proceeded without friction, and without interruptions, except such as are incidental to and almost inseparable from changes of teachers. The High school under its present management is doing excellent work, and is entirely worthy of the generous support heretofore granted it by the town. The Committee have received requests for the introduction of instruction and practice in military drill, and, believing that the advantages of physical culture presented by it, and the discipline acquired in its exercise rendered such practice desirable, they have arranged, with the co-operation of the principal of the High school, a plan for its introduction without expense to the town.

The fire, which, proceeding from a defective flue, recently damaged the High school building, disarranged the work of the school for a short time, until the building could be fitted for temporary occupancy. The Committee hereinafter make certain recommendations concerning this building to which they ask the consideration of the town.

The graduating exercises of the High school took place in the Old South Church, the Committee, in deference to the wishes of the graduating class, returning for this year to the plan of a special public graduation, which in 1885 was omitted. The names of the graduates appear in the Appendix.

The schools below the High school are not doing so thorough work as, in the opinion of the Committee, would be possible if another school or class were introduced, so as to distribute the work preparatory to the High school over nine years instead of eight. They therefore recommend the establishment of such a school to occupy the vacant room in the new Union street building, and with that end in view they have increased the amount which they ask to have appropriated over what was appropriated last year, so as to provide for its maintenance. If their recommendation is adopted, the entire course of study

will be carefully revised so as to insure more thorough work, particularly in mathematics, in the grammar schools, a result that the Committee have for several years desired to reach, but could not bring about, as no room was available for the accommodation of the additional class required.

NEW BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

The ordinary repairs of the year have been attended to, and a complete financial statement of expenses appears in the Appendix. The town, at its last annual meeting, made an appropriation and authorized the Committee to erect a new building upon Union street, for the accommodation of the Union street schools. The Committee immediately appointed a sub-committee, Messrs. Bancroft, Edward F. Parker, and Gilman L. Parker, and directed them to attend to the performance of this special duty. The new building was completed, ready for occupancy in January, and was immediately occupied by the Union street primaries and the Third grammar school. The town now possesses one modern school building entirely adapted to the needs of school work, well lighted, heated, and ventilated, and worthy to rank with any building of its size in this vicinity. It has already been fully described in the local paper, and is open to the inspection of our citizens at any time. The original contracts were placed within the limit of the appropriation. The subsequent sale of the Union Hall building, under authority conferred by the town last year, enlarged the funds in the hands of the Committee to the extent of \$350. Believing that it was for the best interests of the town that certain portions of the work upon the new building should be done in a somewhat better manner than at first contemplated, the Committee have expended this sum in addition to the amount called for by the original contracts, and, as will appear from the financial statement elsewhere presented, have carried

the building to its completion without incurring a deficiency.

When the new building was ready for occupancy the Committee thought it wise to carry into effect certain

RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF PUPILS

in and about the building, which had previously been discussed, and which were substantially such as are in force in every well regulated school at the present day. The almost entire absence of restraint before this, and the fact that the change was brought about when the new building was to be used for the first time, provoked considerable criticism of the action of the Committee on the part of some parents, and it was insinuated that the new building was considered too good for the legitimate uses of the school. It is intended to extend these rules to other buildings.

Nothing can be farther from the purpose of the Committee than to hamper or restrain improperly the liberty of any pupil, or to impose any rules that are not required for the maintenance of good order in the schools, or for preventing the defacement of the buildings by the carelessness or thoughtlessness of the children. But we are fully of the opinion that if parents will consider that among 250 or 300 children there are always some who need to be restrained in many directions, they will see that rules must be enforced for the proper restraint of such pupils, and that these rules must be of general application even if the liberty of others, who, if left to themselves, would perhaps do no wrong, be somewhat limited.

It is well known that under the old system, or lack of system, buildings and furniture were frequently defaced and rendered unsightly, and it is to prevent this that the new rules have been introduced governing the conduct of pupils about the building. It is not intended to interfere in any way with the proper use of the buildings and grounds, but to prevent their improper use. For instance, the stairways, entries, and

porches are not intended for playgrounds, and pupils are not to be allowed to loiter or to congregate there. The pupils may use the porches for their legitimate purpose, namely, for shelter in bad weather while approaching the doors, and if any rule has seemed to prevent this it will be modified in the future. The doors are open fifteen minutes before beginning each session, and no exigency requires a pupil to be present before that time.

In order to prevent undue crowding or jostling upon the stairs or in the entries, pupils in passing from the upper story are required to file down and out of the building. This rule is founded on common sense, is everywhere observed in similar schools, works hardship to no one, and we believe will, upon reflection, commend itself to all.

A difficulty has arisen as to the use of the water provided in the entries. One thing is certain, that to allow the pump and sinks to be used promiscuously can only result in having the water thrown about the entries and over the persons of the pupils. The temptation to crowd and indulge in play about the sink is too great to be resisted. Now, everybody, we suppose, will agree that this should not be allowed. What then shall be done? Simply this: such regulations must be introduced as shall permit all who require it to have access to the water at proper times, and still prevent the evils to which we have alluded. Such regulations are now in force, and as to this matter, we believe there will be no further grounds of complaint.

All that we have said is so well understood and practised in other towns that it seems almost unnecessary seriously to argue the merit of such rules as have been adopted. But the fact that an under-current of feeling appears to exist unfavorable to any change from the loose practice heretofore existing here, has led us to go into the subject at this length in order to

show the motive for the action taken by the Committee. We rely so confidently upon the support of the town in any effort we may make to secure good order about our school buildings, and to protect the property of the town from injury while at the same time permitting its use for legitimate school purposes, that we believe that when the spirit of these rules is better understood, and a little experience has shown their value, all, even those who at first doubted the wisdom of enforcing them, will support them heartily, and second the efforts of the Committee in this direction.

A NEW outhouse

should be built for the use of the pupils in the new building, and the lot should be fenced. The Committee have included in the amount they ask the town to appropriate for incidental school expenses a sum sufficient to erect the building, leaving the fence to be provided at a future time.

WOBURN STREET SCHOOL.

The Citizens of the Woburn street school district who have pupils attending those schools, desire a new building to replace the present structure. The primary room in that district is entirely unsuited to the present needs of the school. The building cannot be satisfactorily warmed in winter, is antiquated and inconvenient in its arrangement. This building was seriously injured for school purposes when the engine house was located on the same lot, the sun being thereby shut out from one side of the grammar room. Considering that this portion of the town is likely to continue in the immediate future the growth it has exhibited in the last fifteen years, and that its contribution in taxes for general town purposes is such as to entitle it to respectful attention when it comes forward

with a legitimate request, and believing that the present building is not such a one as the town ought to provide in these days for its pupils, the Committee recommend the erection of a new building during the current year. We believe, also, that a better lot than the present one should be secured at a point near the present location and acceptable to the citizens interested. Or, the same end might be reached by moving the engine house to another lot, and enlarging the school lot by the purchase of some additional land in the rear. The Committee recommend for the purchase of additional land, if required, and for the erection of a building an appropriation not to exceed \$5000.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The recent fire at the High school building resulted in a loss to the building and furniture which has been adjusted by the payment of \$885 in insurance. The Committee have repaired the building only so far as to permit its temporary occupancy. They believe that it is now the proper time to recommend certain alterations in that building which are necessary to render it ample for the requirements of the High school.

For several years the want of better recitation accommodations has been seriously felt. Neither room at present used is large enough, and the classes that use the lower room are obliged to pass through a cold entry, out of doors, and then through the entry of the First grammar school before reaching it. The dressing rooms of all the schools occupying the building are not convenient, nor such as would now be considered proper, although at the time the building was erected they were perhaps up to the usual standard.

The High school also needs a well arranged laboratory for work in the departments of chemistry and physics, so located as to be used for any sort of chemical experiments without the

diffusion of noxious odors into the class rooms. The building is also inadequately provided with heating apparatus, and new apparatus, preferably steam, should be introduced. As at present arranged, it has always been impossible to heat the north recitation rooms, even in moderately cold weather, and in extreme weather the furnaces have been pushed to their utmost to raise the temperature to the required point. As an expenditure of money is involved to repair the building, the Committee believe that it is not good judgment nor wise economy simply to put the building back to the condition it was in before the fire. The town, we think, should go farther and make such changes as will remedy the defects in the building, and give such a structure as will properly suffice for the purposes of the school in the future. It should be remembered that the population of Reading is to-day more than 45 per cent greater than when this building was erected, and that the accomodation required is proportionately greater now than then.

The results of the last census show that between 1865 and 1885 not only has the population of Reading gained more than 45 per cent, but the valuation has increased more than 90 per cent. In the same time the value of the manufactured products has risen from \$315,040 to \$575,000, a gain of more than 83 per cent; and the agricultural product has risen from \$77,314 to \$93,341, a gain of more than twenty per cent. These comparisons indicate that while the demands for school accommodation are greater now than twenty years ago, when this building was erected, the resources of the town have been enlarged to an extent which amply justifies the expenditure required to satisfy these demands.

The changes we contemplate involve alterations in the stairways, so as to secure independent and direct entrances for each school, a rearrangement of the dressing rooms, making them distinct from entries, the construction of a new roof story to

contain new recitation rooms and a laboratory, and the introduction of new heating apparatus, and a new and better system of ventilation. We recommend for this purpose an appropriation of \$4500.

ATTENDANCE.

Attention is asked to the Roll of Honor contained in the Appendix, which presents the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy during the year, and the schools to which they belong. Comparisons between this roll and those presented in previous years disclose the fact that the number of such pupils is gradually growing less. We ask the hearty co-operation of the parents in an effort to bring about a change in this respect during the coming year.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9000 for the maintenance of schools, and the further sum of \$1,825 for incidental school expenses during the current year:

The terms of Carroll D. Wright and Horace G. Wadlin expire, leaving two vacancies to be filled by the town at the ensuing town meeting.

Attention is called to the statistics, and to the report of receipts and expenditures contained in the Appendix.

Respectfully submitted.

HORACE G. WADLIN,	} <i>School Committee of Reading.</i>
CARROLL D. WRIGHT,	
EDWARD F. PARKER,	
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	
GILMAN L. PARKER,	
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	

ADOPTED IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

March 18, 1887.

TABLE SHOWING SALARIES, ATTENDANCE, AND NUMBER OF VISITORS.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No. of Visitors.	TEACHERS NOW EMPLOYED.	SALARIES NOW PAID.	Average Membership			Average Attendance.			Pupils during year over 15 years.	Pupils during year under 5 years.
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School.....	76	{ Mr. John B. Gifford, Principal..... Miss Mary L. Stinchfield, 1st Assistant... Miss Annie C. Lawrence, 2d Assistant...	\$1200 00 per year. 15 00 " " 13 00 " " 12 00 " " 12 00 " " 10 00 " " 10 00 " " 10 00 " " 10 00 " " 10 00 " " 10 00 " " 7 00 " " 10 00 " " 7 00 " " 9 00 " " 6 00 " " 6 00 " "	91	105	92	88	99	86	76	..
First Grammar.....	92	{ Miss Alice Barrows..... Miss Ella F. Wakefield..... Mrs. Alice W. Emerson.....		49	52	55	46	49	53	10	..
Second Grammar.....	95	{ Miss Carrie L. Mason..... Miss Mary W. Howard..... Miss Ruth L. Pratt.....		33	28	27	32	27	26	3	..
Third Grammar.....	87	{ Miss Sarah M. Pearson..... Miss Annie P. Reid..... Miss M. Fannie Wilson.....		30	24	23	27	22	21	..	..
Union St. Upper Medium.....	114	{ Miss Kate L. Beard..... Miss Elmore A. Emerson..... Miss Hattie F. Damon.....		25	35	36	23	33	33	..	..
Union St. Lower Medium.....	109			34	24	23	30	23	22	..	..
Union St. Upper Primary.....	141			47	54	53	42	50	46	..	..
Union St. Lower Primary.....	284			60	58	52	48	44	39	..	..
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	44			37	33	32	34	30	29	..	..
Chestnut Hill Primary.....	52			40	36	32	34	32	27	..	..
Woburn St. Grammar.....	53			20	28	28	18	26	25	..	..
Woburn St. Primary.....	49			32	38	33	30	31	28	..	..
Lowell St. Mixed.....	52			40	32	32	36	28	29	..	..
Main St. Mixed.....	20			8	10	10	6	9	7	..	..
Haverhill St. Mixed.....	50			20	20	22	18	19	19	..	..
	1318			566	577	550	522	522	490	93	..

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading.....	3,539
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of Age, May, 1886.....	592
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of Age, May, 1886.....	384
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms.....	\$8,300 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals.....	1,400 00
Amount received from insurance, High School Building..	885 00
Amount drawn from State School Fund.....	342 05
Amount received from other sources	24 39
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Total receipts	\$10,951 44
Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms....	\$8,642 05
Expended for free text books.....	726 49
Expended for incidentals.....	1,047 97
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Total Expenditures.....	\$10,416 51
Unexpended.....	534 93
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	\$10,951 44

PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.....	674
Average membership of all the schools.....	564
Average attendance in all the schools during year.....	513
Percentage of attendance, based on average membership.	91
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory age)	405
Number of pupils admitted to the High School.....	49
Age of youngest pupil admitted, 12 years, 5 months.	
Age of oldest pupil admitted, 16 years, 8 months.	
Average age of pupils admitted, 14 years, 4 months.	

TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed.....	1
Number of female teachers employed.....	16
Average wages, per month, of female teachers.....	\$39 25
Number of teachers who have attended normal schools..	11
Number of teachers who have graduated from normal schools.....	9

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE, 1886.

FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

Percy Niles Carter, Richard Fenwood Loring,
 Nathaniel Gilman Hill.

THREE YEARS' COURSE.

Clara Rose Allen,	Edith Bancroft,
Emma Frances Berry,	Lizzie Maybelle Brown,
Nettie Abbie Killam,	Sophie Frederica Krook,
Ida Manning,	Helen Mabel Parker,
Mary Grace Wakefield,	Mabel Gertrude Willis,
Helen Wilson,	Harry Howard Atkinson,
Weldon Ashley Duley,	Charles Clyde Wakefield,
George Andrew Walker.	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1886, and the schools to which they belong.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Edith M. Barker,	Herbert C. Barrows,
Winifred Emerson,	*Kirke P. Sanborn,
|| Mary E. Vermille,	Chester K. Wakefield,
Delia Converse,	† Grace D. Sweetser,
Edith B. Parker,	Louis G. Hill,
Fred W. Walker.	

FIRST GRAMMAR.

*Bessie M. Briggs,

Bertha C. Roberts,

Carrie E. Hill.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

J. William Austin.

UPPER MEDIUM.

Kirk Parker,

Hannah Whelton.

LOWER MEDIUM.

Josephine A Sweetser.

UNION STREET UPPER PRIMARY.

David Whelton.

LOWELL ST. SCHOOL.

Ella M. Hunt.

*Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

†Neither absent nor tardy for three years.

‡Neither absent nor tardy for four years.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

UNION STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriation.....	\$7,500 00
From old building sold.....	350 00
	\$7,850 00

Expended,

Wm. A. Smith, for moving old building.	\$ 85 00
Wm. M. Phillips, contract and extra work...	6,034 36
H. G. Wadlin, architect	225 00
Albert B. Franklin, heating apparatus	1,090 00
Wm. E. Moulton, labor.....	15 00
R. M. Gibson, painting exterior.....	62 00
Lewis M. Bancroft, insurance.....	34 00
G. S. Tukey, pump and pipe	37 51
S. M. Hall, mason work.....	23 80
Philip H. Butler & Co., marble slabs.	14 00
Henry M. Wiswall, blackboards.....	100 00
Fulton Iron Foundry, for casting.....	2 25
Joseph Modlich, decorating.....	122 00
M. C. Estes, iron work.....	1 50
Burditt & Williams, hardware.....	70
O. Lappen, step ladder.....	2 80
Unexpended.....	08

\$7,850 00

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

INSTRUCTION.

Paid for teaching High School.....	\$2,138 00
“ “ “ First Grammar School.....	479 00
“ “ “ Second “ “	456 00
“ “ “ Third “ “	456 00
“ “ “ Upper Medium “	380 00
“ “ “ Lower “ “	362 00

Amount carried forward, \$4,271 00

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,271 00
Paid for teaching	Upper Primary School.....	380 00
" " "	Lower " "	380 00
" " "	Chestnut Hill Grammar School	326 00
" " "	" " Primary "	259 00
" " "	Woburn St. Grammar "	380 00
" " "	" " Primary "	302 00
" " "	Lowell " Mixed "	380 00
" " "	Main " " "	228 00
" " "	Haverhill " " "	228 00
" " "	Music Teacher.....	400 00
		<hr/> \$7,534 00

JANITORS.

Paid for care of	Center School Buildings....	\$306 00
" " " "	Woburn St. " "	76 00
" " " "	Chestnut Hill " "	57 00
" " " "	Lowell St. " "	36 00
" " " "	Main St. " "	28 50
" " " "	Haverhill St. " "	38 00
		<hr/> \$541 50

FUEL.

Paid Edward F. Parker for wood.....	\$ 30 00
“ Milton P. Parker “ “	38 25
“ Wendell Bancroft “ coal.....	38 50
“ John C. Gleason “ “	442 02
“ Horace W. Blanchard for labor on wood..	5 13
“ Thomas A. Evans “ “ “ “ ..	1 25
“ J. Dexter Jones “ “ “ “ ..	4 65
“ Charles F. Bessom “ “ “ “ ..	4 00
“ Charles L. McIntire “ “ “ “ ..	2 75
	<hr/> \$566 55
	<hr/> \$8,642 05
Appropriation	\$8,300 00
Drawn from School Fund.....	342 05
	<hr/> \$8,642 05

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid George F. King & Merrill	\$ 20 50	
Knight, Adams & Co.....	2 62	
Cowperthwait & Co	61 69	
Harrison Hume	65 48	
S. R. Winchell	25 46	
Ginn & Co.....	130 16	
William Ware & Co.....	88 82	
J. L. Hammett.....	115 15	
Charles H. Whiting	73 70	
Boston School Supply Co.....	25 45	
George Frost	6 00	
Lee & Shepard.....	7 75	
W. P. Adams	13 13	
Maynard & Noyes	7 50	
John C. Haynes.....	15	
D. Appleton & Co.....	7 13	
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	6 45	
Clark & Maynard.....	16 10	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn.....	6 00	
B. A. Fowler.....	35 00	
F. M. Ambrose.....	5 50	
Peters & Jones.....	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$726 49
Robert J. Hill, rebinding books.....	\$ 1 00	
Citizens Gas-Light Co., gas	4 55	
H. M. Parker, tuning piano.....	2 00	
N. W. Broad, labor and materials.....	159 19	
Charles L. McIntire, glazing	70	
F. J. Bancroft, use of piano.....	6 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing.....	13 00	
G. S. Tukey, repairs on pumps	75	
G. W. Atkinson, supplies.....	3 00	
Wm. E. Moulton, grading.....	15 80	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$205 99	

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$205 99
Paid Joseph Stokes, clearing vaults.....	2 00
Edward F. Parker, supplies	1 03
S. M. Hall, mason work	21 06
Patrick Conley, labor.....	4 12
J. A. Swasey, blackboards and erasers....	108 50
D. Doucette, labor.....	2 00
John B. Gifford, supplies.....	7 79
Wm. H. Twombly, printing.....	6 00
Daniel Pratt's Son, clock.....	4 50
M. E. Nichols, painting.....	59 40
Parker & Stone, supplies.....	5 40
Walter B. Ellis, concreting.....	5 49
George S. Perry, supplies.....	3 69
Everett Parker, labor.....	16 25
H. E. Cox, repairs on pump	50
B. Foley, whitening ceiling.....	6 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material.....	108 77
Cummings' Express.....	1 90
H. G. Wadlin, keys.....	80
George C. Batchelder, rent of land.....	5 00
John H. Bancroft, labor.....	50
Lewis M. Bancroft, insurance.....	50 00
Frank E. Richardson, labor.....	5 20
George Dean, care of fires	8 00
Maggie Reed, labor	1 65
Thomas Hall, supplies.....	4 70
Wm. O. Dockendorff, teaming	1 50
Henry Stock, care of furnace.....	14 00
Michigan Furniture Co., new furniture....	222 80
H. L. Cummings, teaming.....	18 85
D. P. Babb "	1 25
T. Littlefield, labor and material.....	11 85
C. F. Bessom " "	75
Wm. M. Titus " "	18 55
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$935 79

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$935 79	
Paid Arthur J. Davis " "		50	
Lang's Express		7 80	
Old South Parish, use of church		17 00	
R. M. Pulsifer & Co., printing		3 00	
Patrick Barrett, labor		4 38	
Edward F. Parker, expenses		3 00	
J. C. Cook, glazing		1 50	
Edward F. Parker, agent for books and supplies.....		75 00	\$1,047 97
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			\$1,774 46
Appropriation	\$1,400 00		
From Insurance	885 00		
Books and supplies sold	24 14		
For glass broken	25		
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		\$2,309 39	
Unexpended		534 93	
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			\$2,309 39
Books and supplies in hands of agent.....			\$114 21

TOWN WARRANT.

1887.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lycéum Hall in said Reading, on Monday, the fourth day of April, A. D. 1887, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collectors, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery, and Auditors.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, Highway Surveyors, also, on separate ballot, two members of the School Committee for three years. Also, on separate ballot, "shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town;" each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

ART. 4. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two members of the School Committee for three years, Surveyors of Highways, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 5. "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

ART. 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edgestones the ensuing year, provided the abutters pay one-half the expense of laying the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will employ a night watch the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairs of highways and bridges, removing snow and ice, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of the police, cemetery, public library, soldiers' graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt, deficiencies, and miscellaneous expenses.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer under direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 10. To see what instructions the Town will give their Assessors and Collector.

ART. 11. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

ART. 12. To see if the town will build a receiving tomb, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will exchange their Hearse for a new one, and how much money they will raise and appropriate to pay for the exchange, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars for the payment of a note due August 9, 1887, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the payment of a note due March 1, 1888, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the repairs and alterations of the High School building, in accordance with the recommendation of the School Committee, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a lot, and the erection of a new building for the Woburn street schools in accordance with the recommendation of the School Committee, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight dollars to pay Totten, Garfield & Brown for labor and material on account of raising grade of sidewalk on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a stone crusher, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will build a cistern at, or near the corner of Pierce and Salem streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to lay a concrete sidewalk and edgestones from Ira W. Ruggles' land on Haven street to the land of Abbie S. Nichols on Ash street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to lay a concrete cross walk and gutter across Sanborn street, at the junction of said street and Haven street. Also across Linden street at the junction of said street and Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to keep the Old South M. E. Clock running the ensuing year.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a gas light at the Town pumps on the common.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to raise the grade of Green street between High and Ash streets.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will widen the road bed on Lowell street, from Bancroft Avenue to a point near the Fireworks, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for the purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will purchase a pump and watering trough to be placed at the corner of Woburn and West streets.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will take any measures for procuring a supply of water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other uses, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to complete the widening of Main street near George W. Putnam's, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will place a street light at the junction of Summer avenue and Oak street.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will erect and support a lamp on or near the corner of Pleasant and Middle streets in this town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will pay the expense of a lamp-post erected on Sanborn street, about midway between Lowell and Woburn streets, in front of the residence of James Wight, and will maintain a street light at that point, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will erect and maintain five new street lights on Main street, between Summer avenue and the first street light north on Main street.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to survey for an extension of Pleasant street through from Manning to Salem street, and make a report at the next Town Meeting as to its necessity, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on laying out a town way from Salem street to Pleasant street.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on widening Pearl street opposite Orange street, also on rounding the corner of Pearl and Orange streets.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on widening Haven street.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on laying out a town way from Mineral street north.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sufficient money to heat the Almshouse with steam, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sufficient money to repair the wall and culvert on John street between Salem and Union streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 42. To hear and act upon a list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 43. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide-posts.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1887.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, } *Selectmen*
 STILLMAN M. PRATT, } *of*
 JAMES A. BANCROFT, } *Reading.*

A true copy—Attest :

HENRY STOCK, *Constable.*

LIST OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Reading, have prepared the following list of persons who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors, and respectfully submit the same for the action of the Town.

Atkinson, George H.	Littlefield, Cyrus K.
Austin, Henry K.	Manning, Charles
Abbott, George E.	Manning, Ulmar H.
Bancroft, Albert J.	Moulton, William E.
Bancroft, William Hazen	Meador, George C.
Boyce, George A.	Nichols, D. Marshall
Brown, Henry M.	Nichols, J. Brooks
Brown, Samuel	Nichols, William H.
Buxton, Albert W.	Norris, James T.
Carter, Adelbert H.	Parker, Clarkson
Coney, Walter E.	Parker, George H.
Cook, Walter F.	Perkins, Walter H.
Carleton, James H.	Pratt, Harlan P.
Cummings, Horace L.	Putnam, George L.
Damon, Arthur A.	Rayner, Walter
Eames, Charles B.	Rich, Alkin
Emerson, Arthur G.	Richardson, Arthur S.
Foster, Arthur J.	Richardson, Loammi G.
Gleason, Rodney H.	Roberts, John G.
Gowing, E. Harley	Roggers, Charles G.
Hall, Josiah H. 2d	Sawyer, Addison A.
Hunter, William A.	Simpson, John H.
Johnson, Alden S.	Stone, J. Henry
Jones, Oren N.	Stoodley, Nathan D.
Krook, Lambertus W.	Temple, Arthur W.
Knight, John H.	Young, Samuel C.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, STILLMAN M. PRATT, JAMES A. BANCROFT.	}	Selectmen of Reading.
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